

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

COMMISSION PUBLIC INPUT

The Commission has no obligation, legal or otherwise, to allow citizens to address the Commission during Commission meetings. However, as a courtesy, the Commission will allow citizens an opportunity to make the Commission aware of issues the administrative staff has been unable to resolve or to express a viewpoint concerning Commission business. The Commission will listen to the viewpoint expressed, but will not respond to the individual(s) at the meeting. The Commission will direct the State Director to do so within two weeks, if possible. Note: Public comment for subcommittee meetings must be submitted in writing.

REQUEST TO SPEAK

If a citizen wishes to address the Commission at its regular Commission meeting, the individual must complete the form provided at the sign in desk in front of the Commission meeting room. The form must be submitted at least five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled opening of the meeting at which it is requested to speak. It is within the discretion of the Chair to select who will speak to the Commission in public during Public Input. Therefore, the Chair could reject any individual at any time including in the middle of their speech.

At the appropriate time, the citizen will be recognized by the Commission Chair. Each speaker will only be allowed seven (7) minutes and not more than five (5) individuals.

A maximum of 35 minutes during the regular Commission meeting will be allocated for citizens to speak. Citizens will speak in the order in which they register. In cases of abusive language or of purely personal attacks on staff or Commission members, the Chair may rule the person out of order and require her/him to relinquish the floor.

PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURE ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION, INDIVIDUALS WITH LEGAL ACTION PENDING AGAINST SCDDSN MAY NOT SPEAK.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS THROUGH SCDHHS ARE EXCLUDED.

Date:

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

I am representing:

☐ Myself

☐ A group/organization (please name)

I wish to comment on (select one):

☐ Commission Meeting Agenda Item:

☐ A specific incident or concern NOT on the Commission Meeting Agenda. The specific concern to be addressed is: